WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

A broadcasting reception apparatus comprising:
 an input section configured to receive a password;
 a registration section configured to allow
 a plurality of such passwords to be registered;

a broadcasting reception section configured to have its starting controlled on the basis of a result of comparison between the password registered in the registration section and any password input through the input section;

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a storage section configured to gain information relating to a reception history with the broadcasting reception section in a started state; and

a control section configured to control setting contents, at a starting time of the broadcasting reception section, on the basis of the information relating to the reception history stored in the storage section.

- 2. A broadcasting reception apparatus according
 to claim 1, wherein the information relating to the
 reception history stored in the storage section
 contains any information on a channel on which
 broadcasting has been received and a date and week days
 thereon.
- 3. A broadcasting reception apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the broadcasting section has a mode under which starting is controlled on the basis of the

an echo-cancel hybrid circuit, coupled to a communication link, that provides an echo cancel characteristic, wherein the characteristic is selectable.

- 9. The device of claim 8 wherein the echo-cancel hybrid circuit comprises: a multiplexer; and a plurality of echo-cancel hybrids coupled to the multiplexer.
- 10. The device of claim 8 wherein the communication link supports multiple different signal protocols.
- 11. The device of claim 9 wherein characteristic is selectable depending on at least one protocol being supported.
- 12. The device of claim 8 wherein the communication link comprises a phone line.
- 13. The device of claim 9 wherein the communication link supports multiple different signal protocols.
- 14. The device of claim 13 wherein characteristic is selectable depending on at least one protocol being supported.
- 15. The device of claim 9 wherein the communication link comprises a phone line. into an output data stream which may be coupled to the communication link.

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